

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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*Rejection*  
*11/11/03*  
*7/18/03*  
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In re the Application of: **Hiroyuki NAKANO**

Group Art Unit: 3726

Serial No.: **09/748,012**

Examiner: **M. Jimenez**

Filed: **December 27, 2000**

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For: **FIXING ROLLER**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 3726**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, the due date of which herein extended to July 18, 2003 by a one-month Extension of Time, Applicant submits the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15 are rejected. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuyama (JP 57172374 A).